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Appointment of the Secretary-General of the United Nations

Letter dated 7 June 2011 from the Permanent Representative of Kuwait to the United Nations addressed to the President of the General Assembly

As the Chair of the Group of Asian States for the month of June, I have the honour to inform you that the Group of Asian States decided, in its meeting of Monday, 6 June 2011, to strongly support and endorse the Secretary-General, Ban Ki-moon, for re-election for a second term.

This unanimous endorsement from the Group reflects our appreciation for Mr. Ban's outstanding hard work and leadership over the past four and a half years, during which time he led the United Nations with exceptional resolve and vision. It is also our hope that Mr. Ban will continue to serve at the helm of the United Nations as we navigate the challenges ahead, bringing his talents, dedication and commitments to this vital job.

In this regard, I have the honour to request, with reference to rule 15 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, the inclusion in the agenda of the sixty-fifth session an additional item entitled "Appointment of the Secretary-General of the United Nations" for consideration in plenary meeting. In accordance with rule 20 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, I have the honour to attach an explanatory memorandum (see annex).

I request that you circulate the present letter and its annex as a document of the General Assembly.

(*Signed*) Mansour **Alotaibi**
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Permanent Representative of Kuwait to the United Nations
Chair, Group of Asian States, for the month of June

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Annex

Explanatory memorandum

Member States are aware that the Security Council will meet to consider a recommendation on the appointment of the Secretary-General of the United Nations.

Member States will also recall that, in accordance with Article 97 of the Charter of the United Nations, "the Secretary-General shall be appointed by the General Assembly upon the recommendation of the Security Council". Accordingly, it is necessary to inscribe an additional item on the agenda of the sixty-fifth session to enable the Assembly to receive and consider the recommendation of the Security Council.